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SUBJECT: CODEL MATHIAS

FOLLOWING IS REPORT OF INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM TURKISH
(TK) AND TWA OFFICIALS FRANKFURT:

1. ACCORDING TO BOTH TK AND TWA, MATHIAS TICKETS WERE INCORRECTLY WRITTEN IN ISTANBUL FOR TRAVEL ISTANBUL-LONDON-WASHINGTON; LONDON-WASHINGTON SEGMENT VIA PAN AM 107. BAGS ACCORDINGLY TAGGED INCORRECTLY. PAN AM 107 FROM FRANKFURT CANCELLED REPEAT CANCELLED 6 MONTHS AGO. FLIGHT NOW LEAVES FROM LONDON. TK AND TWA ASSUME TK AIRLINES ISTANBUL DID NOT PROPERLY CHECK TICKETS BEFORE ADMITTING MATHIAS PARTY ON BOARD TK 907. SINCE FRANKFURT WITHIN ISTANBUL-WASHINGTON MILEAGE LIMIT, TWA ACCEPTED MATHIAS TICKETS FOR TWA 735 FLIGHT, DECEMBER 2. TWA INFORMED BAGGAGE HALL OF IMPROPERLY CHECKED BAGS. IN EFFORT TO REROUTE TO TWA-735. EFFORT UNSUCCESSFUL. AS BAGS TAGGED FOR PAN AM 107, 7 PIECES WERE TRANSFERRED TO PAN AM. SINCE FLIGHT NO LONGER EXISTS, PAN AM ROUTED BAGS TO INTERNATIONAL BAGGAGE HALL. TK REPRESENTATIVE HAD BAGS TAGGED FOR TWA-735. BAGS KEPT OVERNIGHT IN ROOM CONTROLLED BY AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND TRANSFERRED TO TWA-735, DECEMBER 3. BOTH TK AND TWA ADVISE VALUABLES SHOULD HAVE BEEN DECLARED IN ISTANBUL. ON DECEMBER 4, TWA INFORMED LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AT AIRPORT

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OF POSSIBLE PILFERAGE. TO DATE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

2. TK AND TWA ADVISE DAVIS LUGGAGE TAGGED IN ISTANBUL FOR CORRECT FLIGHT, TWA-735, BUT AIRPORT WRITTEN DALLAS NOT DULLES. TWA DALLAS REPORTED BAGS NOT IN DALLAS. CONSULATE OFFICER PERSONALLY CHECKED FRANKFURT BAGGAGE HALLS FOR DAVIS LUGGAGE AS DESCRIBED STATE 270280 AND CONFIRMED TK AND TWA REPORTS THAT BAGS NOT REPEAT NOT IN FRANKFURT AIRPORT. TWA REPORTS DAVIS FILE SENT FROM WASHINGTON TO LA GUARDIA, HANGER 4, TWA CENTRAL LOST AND FOUND ON DECEMBER 6. TWA ADVISED BAGS NOT CLAIMED WITHIN 3 DAYS FROM TWA ARE ALSO TRANSFERRRED TO TWA LOST AND FOUND LA GUARDIA. TK REPRESENTATIVE WHO TRIED LOCATE DAVIS LUGGAGE FRANKFURT DECEMBER 1 IN ISTANBUL TIL WEEKEND AND WILL CONTACT CONSULATE ON RETURN. WILL ADVISE IF FURTHER INFORMATION DEVELOPS.

3. REGARDING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM TK ISTANBUL (ISTANBUL REFTEL 3322), TK AND TWA BOTH ADVISE MATHIAS AND DAVIS LUGGAGE INCORRECTLY TAGGED IN ISTANBUL. TK FRANKFURT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM TK ISTANBUL. TK REPRESENTATIVE FRANKFURT WILL CONTACT ISTANBUL OFFICE.HARLAN

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